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# TALKING STATEHOOD.

Democrats Urging the Passage of the Bill.

The Democratic Senatorial Caucus Decides to Place the Bill on the Preferred Calendar.

A Washington dispatch of last Saturday says that Delegates Joseph and Smith, representing the two territories, are of the opinion that New Mexico is to be admitted to statehood without further antagonism. Both of them have been spending considerable time on the floor of the senate recently giving the closest attention to the influence at work relating to the admission of the territories. Upon the democratic senators they have urged the argument. It is unfair to judge of the real political complexion of this territory by the result of the contests for delegates. Mr. Joseph has been especially fortunate in convincing certain senators that Catron's election was the result of a combination of events which do not accurately evidence the political sentiments of New Mexico. Indeed, both Smith and Joseph have argued from the same premises with equally gratifying results and have clearly established the fact that both territories are democratic. They further argued that the program for admission be carried forward as zealously as though they were both to continue to sit in the house for the next two years,

Friends of the territorial admission bills feel much elated over the action of the democratic senatorial caucus deciding to place bills on the preferred calendar. There has been some fear lest the fact that Arizona and New Mexico had elected republican delegates to congress at the last election would induce the democratic senate to decide against taking the bills up at the present session. Senator Faulkner, chairman of the territorial committee, met the argument of those who would have had the bills sidetracked for political reasons, with the assertion that the result of the recent election could not be accepted as in any sense a criterion of the permanent political preference of the people of the terri-

## A Theatrical Company Divides.

The Peyton stock company which played at Morrill hall every evening

last week to good houses is divided. Last Saturday evening four of the members of the company refused to go on the stage until the salary due them had been paid. The manager parleyed for a time but was finally obliged to pay up when the play went on.

Four of the members of the company, including the comedian, remained here and the rest of the company and George E. Murphy, an elocutionist who has been here for some weeks, left on Sunday morning for Benson, A. T., where they will play this week. The members of the company who remained here are getting up an entertainment for their benefit.

### The Artesian Well.

T. N. Childers, who has devoted considerable time to the new artesian well project, is in correspondence with various parties in reference to the cost of putting down a well here. He has received a great deal of encouragement from the business men of this place, many of whom have subscribed liberally to the enterprise.

There is hardly a doubt but that artesian water can be secured above town, in fact it was demonstrated some years ago that artesian water could be obtained in the valley in which the Heintzlman ranch is situated. A hole was bored by W. H. Newcomb, on what is now the Heintzleman ranch, to the depth of about 900 feet and there was a considerable flow of artesian water, but when Heintzleman took up the place the hole was plugged.

The diameter of the hole is but two inches and the flow from a hole of this diameter would, of course, be very much less than it would be from a well of the diameter which it is now proposed to drill. It is certain that water can be obtained at that place which is about two miles from Silver City and there seems to be no reason why artesian water cannot be obtained in the same valley nearer town. There ought to be no difficulty in getting the required amount subscribed to put the well down,

There came near being a big fire at Deming on the evening of the 2nd inst. About 9 o'clock the dry goods store of Max Heymann was discovered to be on fire by Chas. Poe. After considerable hard work the fire was extinguished. The loss was about \$1,000. It was fully covered by insurance.

### THE OFFICIAL COUNT.

Thomas B. Catron Has Received His Certificate of Election as Delegate From New Mexico.

The official canvass of the returns of the election held on the 6th of last month in this territory was completed last Friday by the secretary of the territory. The total vote was 35,301 as against 31,019 two years ago, an increase of 4,282. Grant county cast the largest vote for the populist candidate of any county in the territory. In two counties the populist candidate received no votes. In 1892 Joseph received 15,799 votes against 15,351 this year; a loss of 448, while Catron received 15,220 votes in 1892 against 18,113 this year; a gain of 2,893. Catron's plurality is 2,762 and his majority is 925.

Below is the vote by counties:

Counties	Joseph	Catron	Mills
Bernalillo1,249		2,909	210
Chaves		135	5
Colfax	794	851	160
Dona Ana.		1,187	65
$\operatorname{Eddy}\ldots.$		249	48
Grant		723	299
Guadalupe		407	
Lincoln		520	213
Mora	1,092	1.014	18
Rio Arriba	1,564	1,340	3
San Juan .		165	233
San Migue		2,129	105
Santa Fe		1,517	135
Sierra		453	280
Socorro		1,539	53
Taos		987	7
Union		398	1
Valencia	271	1,590	
Totals	15,351	18,113	1,835

Scattering. Dona Ana 1, Mora 1.

The gain in the vote over that of two years ago indicates a gain in population of about 20,000, or a gain of 10,000 a year which is a much more rapid increase of population than was shown during the ten years between 1880 and 1890.

Next Sunday evening Rev. Edward S. Cross, of the Episcopal church, will give his second and concluding discourse on Martin Luther. All are cordially invited.

The first snow of the season fell last Saturday night. The snow was very light and remained on the ground but a few hours.

The fence surrounding the convent property presents a much nicer appearance since it was painted a short time since.